Transportation by rail from Singareni Collieries Company Limited

985. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the transportation of coal and coal products from Singareni Collieries Company Limited by rail has been decreasing every year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the tonnes of coal and coal products from Singareni Collieries Company Limited that have been transported by rail during the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B, NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) The total despatches by rail from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) have marginally decreasel from 108.17 lakh tonnes in 1989-90 to 103.96 lakh tonnes in 1991-92.

The decrease is due to increased despatches of , coal by Merry-Go-Round (MGR) System operated by Ramagundami Thermal Power Station of NTPC which uses its own locomotives and wagons. However SCCL has pointed out that in case MGR mode is also included in Rail mode, the despatches by rail have actually increased from 132 lakh tonnes in 1990-91 to 141.66 lakh tonnes in 1991-92.

(c) Particulars of despatches of coal and coke from SCCL by rail during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given as under :—

(In tonnes)

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Coke	36,139	1,879	8,200
Coal (By rail)	108,17,000	102,06,000	103,96,000
Coal (By MGR) . . .	31,50,000	29,94,000	37,70,000

नई कोयला नीति

986. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या सरकार नई कोयला नीति की घोषणा करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उपर्युक्त नीति के संबंध में कितने सुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं और क्या इन सुझावों पर विचार किए जाने की संभावना है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० नयमेगौड़ा) : (क) से (ग) सरकार ने विद्युत उत्पादन के लिए ग्रहीत उपभोग के प्रयोजन से संभावित क्षेत्रों में कोयला खनन क्रियाकलापों में तथा अन्य अंतिम उपभोग में जो कि अधिसूचित किया जाना है तथा कोयला वाशरियां स्थापित करने के मामले में निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी की अनुमति देने का निर्णय लिया है। सरकार के उपर्युक्त निर्णय का कार्यान्वयन करने के लिए कोयला खान (राष्ट्रीयकरण) अधिनियम, 1973 में संशोधन हेतु एक बिल संसद में पेश किया गया है।

Supply of coal to Maharashtra State Electricty Board

987. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :

Will the- Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity and value of coal supplied to the Maharashtra State Electricity Board during the year 1991-92; and

(b) what are the arrears of coal sale pending payments by the Maharashtra State Electricity Boards ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : The total quantity of coal supplied by Coal India Ltd. to Maha-' rashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) during the year 1991-92 is 19.18 million

tonnes and the total sale value of this coal account MSEB is Rs. 632.43 crores.

(b) According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) the coal sale outstandings due to CIL from MSEB which stood at the level of Rs. 245.75 crores as on 31-3-1992 have risen to Rs. 248.76 crores as on 31-10-1992.

Decontrol of Coal

988. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are actively considering decontrol of coal;

(to) whether it is a fact that a number of industrial units submitted representations that the decontrol would further strengthen the clout of the coal mafia operating in Northern coalfields; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Govern ment on these representations particularly from the small industrial units ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) Government in Ministry of Coal have received a proposal to decontrol the prices of higher grades of coal.

(b) A few representations have also been received against increasing prices of higher grades of coal.

(c) It has been noticed that due to rest--icted availability of higher grades of coal, these are being traded in the open market at a price which is much higher than their controlled price. It has been suggested that in case the prices of higher grades of coal were decontrolled, the difference between the market price and the controlled price could accrue to the producing coal companies, which in turn will improve their economic viability.

Supply of poor quality of coai to Raichur Thermal Power Station

989. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that very poor quality of coal continues to be supplied to 5—406RSS/93

the Raichur Thermal power station in Karnataka, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are aware that due to the supply of poor quality of coal, the Raichur Thermal Power Station is finding it very difficult to run all units economically and efficiently; and

(c) if so, what are the corrective steps Government propose to take to rectify the serious situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (c) Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) is originally linked to Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) and generally there are no complaints regarding quality of coal supplied from SCCI. However, since SCCL is not able to meet the full requirement of RTPS due to less availability of coal, the short supply is being met from WCL sources. Recently the linkage for RTPS from WCL has been substantially reduced and more quantity is linked for supply from SCCL.

Complaints have been received from Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) regarding receipt of lumpy and sticky coal and presence of extraneous materials in the coal supplied from Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL). These complaints have been looked into and WCL have taken remedial measures to improve the quality of coal.

Short supply of coal to Western Region Electricity Boards

990. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHAN-KER DAVE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Western Region Electricity Boards are facing acute shortage of coal for generating power in their respective power plants;

(b) whether Western Region Electricity Boards have submitted their reports to Government demanding release of coai on periority basis; and

(c) What is the actual quota of each State Electricity Board?